

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

QUARTERLY SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

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Quarter ended 31st March, 1937.

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1.—POPULATION AND MIGRATION.

Period.	Population (a)			Natural Increase	Migration—Increase + Decrease —		
	Males.	Females	Total.		Oversea.	Inter-state.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year ended—							
31st December, 1931	289,397	287,682	577,079	4,191	— 607	— 972	— 1,579
1932	290,254	289,039	579,293	3,564	— 363	— 987	— 1,350
1933	291,722	290,955	582,677	3,996	+ 7	— 619	— 612
1934	292,519	291,775	584,294	3,056	— 32	— 1,407	— 1,439
1935	293,650	292,793	586,443	3,107	— 131	— 827	— 958
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	3,447	+ 242	— 820	— 578
March Quarter, 1935	292,774	292,046	584,820	981	— 216	— 239	— 455
1936	293,976	293,230	587,206	1,057	— 38	— 256	— 294
June Quarter, 1935	292,767	292,048	584,815	697	— 288	— 414	— 702
1936	293,988	293,305	587,293	681	— 178	— 416	— 594
Sept. Quarter, 1935	292,908	292,227	585,135	485	+ 40	— 205	— 165
1936	294,160	293,696	587,856	703	+ 120	— 260	— 140
Dec. Quarter, 1935	293,647	292,793	586,440	944	+ 333	+ 28	+ 361
1936	294,807	294,505	589,312	1,006	+ 338	+ 112	+ 450

NOTE.—Metropolitan Population, 31st December, 1936, 316,858, or 53·8 per cent. of State.

(a) At end of period stated.

2.—BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

Period.	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	Infantile Deaths.
	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year, 1931.....	9,079	4,888	3,069	330
1932.....	8,521	4,957	3,636	312
1933.....	8,900	4,904	3,973	286
1934.....	8,459	5,403	4,310	301
1935.....	8,270	5,163	4,845	289
1936.....	8,911	5,464	5,182	277
January, 1936	773	463	356	27
1937	700	412	374	25
February, 1936	690	313	433	21
1937	660	350	338	17
March, 1936	807	437	394	24
1937	835	424	620	23
March Quarter, 1936	2,270	1,213	1,183	72
1937	2,195	1,186	1,332	65

3.—RAINFALL.

Period.	Over Agricultural Areas, 1937.							State 31 Years' Mean.	Adelaide.	
	Central.	Lower North	Upper North	South- East.	Wes- tern.	Murray Mallee.	State.		1937.	98 Years' Mean.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
January	1·76	2·34	4·45	2·30	·68	1·45	1·81	·44	2·42	·72
February	·76	1·31	1·00	·56	1·17	·53	·94	·68	·79	·72
March	·40	·35	·22	1·00	·25	·45	·40	·77	1·05	1·02
April	·99	1·12	·35	·74	·47	·37	·62	·91	·66	1·72
	April to November.									
1936.....	12·84	8·88	6·46	18·04	8·48	8·77	10·16	—		
1935.....	16·37	10·17	5·53	19·83	11·34	9·75	12·08	—		
Mean, 31 years.	16·13	12·28	8·90	19·55	11·13	10·49	12·70	12·70		

4.—EMPLOYMENT—MONTHLY INDEX FIGURES.

(Base July, 1933 = 100.)

	January.			February.			March.		
	1935.	1936.	1937.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1935.	1936.	1937.
State Government (a)	95	100	105	97	100	106	98	103	107
Commonwealth									
Government ... (a)	108	108	113	106	109	114	105	107	117
Local Government (a)	94	93	101	101	103	110	104	106	115
Public Bodies ... (a)	102	102	102	105	102	104	103	102	104
Banks (a)	102	103	105	103	103	106	103	103	107
Life Assurance ... (a)	106	105	119	104	107	119	106	107	119
General Insurance (b)	102	103	104	102	103	104	102	104	105
Retailers (b)	109	116	112	107	114	111	107	113	111
Merchants (Wool,									
Wheat, &c.).... (b)	108	119	120	121	122	128	108	111	131
Factories (b)	122	136	141	119	142	148	124	144	150

(a) Complete.

(b) Returns received from representative firms only.

5.—UNEMPLOYMENT AND FACTORIES EMPLOYMENT.

Particulars.	1929-30.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent.	18.9	33.8	32.0	28.3	22.0	13.6
Labour Exchange Registrations end JuneNo.	11,297	23,738	20,516	16,559	13,111	10,970
Employment in Factories Index No.	100	71	80	91	104	116
	January.		February.		March.	
	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
Trade Unionists unemployed per cent.	—	—	12.2	9.5	—	—
Labour Exchange Registrations end monthNo.	12,060	9,501	11,196	8,247	9,984	7,633
Employment in Factories, Index No.	115	119	120	125	126	128

6.—STATE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Period.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Land and Income Tax.	Other Taxation.	Railways.	Total (including Other).	Public Debt (a)	Railways (b)	Unemployed Relief.	Total (including Other).
Year, 1931-32	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932-33	1,919	1,157	2,760	10,482	5,439	2,064	853	11,545
1933-34	1,561	1,172	2,771	10,161	5,346	2,026	632	11,170
1934-35	1,648	1,261	2,609	10,188	5,203	2,068	542	11,032
1935-36	1,825	1,399	2,649	11,002	4,982	2,150	490	10,965
	1,789	1,415	2,851	11,409	4,934	2,327	415	11,260
January, 1936	67	60	213	926	747	167	17	1,209
1937	87	61	233	909	717	196	29	1,226
February, 1936	118	67	260	963	211	188	43	738
1937	150	85	244	891	226	185	32	733
March, 1936	265	344	260	1,337	340	183	30	841
1937	232	282	258	1,216	364	208	33	908
March Quarter, 1936	450	471	733	3,226	1,298	538	90	2,788
1937	469	428	735	3,016	1,307	589	94	2,867
July-March, 1935-36	850	935	2,075	7,857	3,738	1,650	299	8,288
1936-37	895	945	2,151	7,860	3,782	1,739	284	8,500

(a) Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund.

7.—PUBLIC DEBT—STATE.

Date.	Public Debt.	Trust Funds, Bank Balances, &c.	Total Indebtedness.	Per Head.
	£	£	£	£ s. d.
30th June, 1932.....	101,599,232	1,519,244	103,118,476	178 7 9
1933.....	103,707,332	1,378,540	105,085,872	180 17 9
1934.....	105,419,280	1,262,812	106,682,092	182 18 1
1935.....	105,349,536	1,008,703	106,358,239	181 17 4
1936.....	105,698,481	1,833,739	107,532,220	183 0 8
31st March, 1936.....	106,237,518	451,632	106,689,150	181 18 6
1937.....	107,492,267	1,490,078	108,982,345	184 18 8

NOTE—During the year ended 30th June, 1935, the amount of £804,988 was written off the Public Debt, being portion of Soldier Settlement Debt taken over by the Commonwealth.

8. TRADING BANKS (ex. State and Commonwealth Banks).

Period.	Deposits.					Advances.	Advances to Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.		Not Bearing Interest.		Total.		
	£	%	£	%	£	£	%
June Quarter							
1932	16,939,770	77·63	4,881,337	22·37	21,821,107	17,913,525	82·09
1933	17,314,999	77·64	4,987,061	22·36	22,302,060	18,608,501	83·44
1934	17,785,796	76·10	5,586,432	23·90	23,372,228	18,625,748	79·69
1935	17,173,844	74·21	5,967,563	25·79	23,141,407	19,595,659	84·68
1936	17,012,925	72·60	6,421,975	27·40	23,434,900	19,240,000	82·10
Mar. Quarter							
1936.....	17,003,025	71·47	6,788,985	28·53	23,792,010	19,093,398	80·25
1937.....	17,813,505	70·86	7,325,640	29·14	25,139,145	19,017,148	75·65

NOTE.—State and Commonwealth Banks, March Quarter 1937. Advances, £2,639,830 ; Deposits, Bearing Interest, £1,774,024, Not Bearing Interest, £1,220,285 ; Total £2,994,309.

9. SAVINGS BANKS AND BANK CLEARINGS.

Period.	Savings Banks (State and Commonwealth).			Bank Clearings.	
	Accounts Open.	Deposits.	Per Head.	Total.	Weekly Average.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	£	£
1931-32	572,051	21,566,825	37 6 2	100,419,134	1,919,426
1932-33	584,004	22,515,288	38 15 1	108,566,658	2,079,464
1933-34	595,524	23,437,505	40 3 8	115,558,007	2,214,061
1934-35	579,995	24,184,988	41 7 1	124,254,209	2,385,660
1935-36	622,609	25,316,532	43 1 10	135,706,609	2,592,203
January, 1936	583,468 <i>a</i>	24,711,477	42 2 9	11,632,700	2,329,564
1937	605,843 <i>a</i>	25,558,361	43 7 5	12,240,787	2,845,551
February, 1936	588,239 <i>a</i>	24,790,857	42 5 6	11,280,977	2,726,667
1937	610,409 <i>a</i>	25,652,494	43 10 7	12,163,956	3,004,543
March, 1936	591,014 <i>a</i>	24,747,213	42 4 0	11,982,942	2,836,579
1937	611,701 <i>a</i>	25,716,104	43 12 9	15,287,838	3,328,076

(a) Excludes inoperative accounts in Commonwealth Bank, approximately 28,000.

10. OVERSEA TRADE (DIRECT).

Period.	Exports.		Imports.	Excess Exports.
	£ Aus.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
1931-32	12,247,406	9,741,000	2,821,538	6,919,462
1932-33	12,816,954	10,213,000	3,760,324	6,452,676
1933-34	12,749,743	10,159,000	3,679,412	6,479,588
1934-35	11,834,071	9,430,000	3,965,670	5,464,330
1935-36	15,348,163	12,279,000	5,419,426	6,859,574
January 1936	1,434,561	1,148,000	510,445	637,555
1937	1,209,325	967,000	415,058	551,942
February, 1936	1,791,019	1,433,000	412,052	1,020,948
1937	1,817,538	1,454,000	383,523	1,070,477
March, 1936	1,413,535	1,131,000	486,030	644,970
1937	2,018,693	1,615,000	419,434	1,195,566
March Quarter, 1936	4,639,115	3,712,000	1,408,527	2,303,473
1937	5,045,556	4,036,000	1,218,015	2,817,985
July-March, 1935-36	12,136,398	9,709,000	4,220,384	5,488,616
1936-37	12,664,926	10,132,000	4,162,255	5,969,745

11.—OVERSEA EXPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Unit.	Year.				July-March.	
		1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1935-36.	1936-37.
Quantities—							
Barley	bush.	2,809,066	2,605,576	2,551,888	3,349,676	2,078,754	2,082,194
Flour	ton	65,997	53,489	75,662	60,138	45,393	43,238
Wheat	bush.	32,669,257	17,638,860	24,512,433	22,669,088	16,775,058	11,640,767
Butter	lb.	9,500,027	8,308,420	6,299,175	7,949,637	7,027,109	6,294,332
Cheese	lb.	1,578,780	667,172	2,359,107	3,767,067	3,488,022	5,913,106
Eggs in shell	doz.	3,842,870	4,182,986	4,429,318	3,456,050	3,456,050	2,745,480
Lamb and mutton	carcases	53,863	216,535	277,173	342,813	324,189	407,680
Wool	lb.	65,581,115	58,534,898	60,687,086	65,027,020	59,634,416	54,626,998
Currants and raisins	lb.	28,035,735	38,082,666	31,285,956	27,506,892	11,169,264	5,626,862
Wine	gall.	2,677,022	2,577,660	3,009,723	3,427,930	2,886,834	3,200,337
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	cwt.	1,520,430	2,616,220	2,045,528	3,749,405	2,846,327	1,747,802
Lead	cwt.	1,765,675	2,221,792	1,903,682	2,131,846	1,621,539	1,432,027
Values (Australian Currency)—							
Barley	£	319,887	294,071	345,550	352,265	221,015	393,398
Flour	£	413,674	295,316	487,075	422,899	319,176	393,893
Wheat	£	4,811,499	2,435,969	3,652,558	4,087,238	3,039,232	2,969,371
Butter	£	421,337	332,857	234,814	365,103	354,587	304,545
Cheese	£	45,489	15,743	48,922	80,851	73,612	145,052
Eggs in shell	£	198,741	219,721	214,141	165,892	165,892	140,542
Lamb and mutton	£	32,232	165,618	210,208	288,646	275,733	342,208
Wool	£	2,289,632	3,762,861	2,440,499	3,781,852	3,402,546	3,478,965
Currants and raisins	£	578,325	722,164	582,677	512,714	210,912	109,452
Wine	£	706,327	702,392	731,568	870,818	740,632	833,308
Concentrates (Silver, etc.)	£	248,539	490,202	328,525	531,685	385,271	499,206
Lead	£	992,981	1,297,179	1,064,765	1,759,672	1,356,745	1,616,347

12. OVERSEA IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL ITEMS).

Article.	Year.				July-March.	
	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1935-36.	1936-37.
(British Currency.)						
Apparel and attire	£ 36,682	£ 44,155	£ 45,256	£ 61,403	£ 51,985	£ 48,099
Bags and sacks	555,294	343,904	209,899	312,645	290,022	280,001
Fertilisers—Rock phosphates	115,947	92,232	89,177	123,431	90,257	101,200
Iron and steel	119,430	206,435	272,807	431,873	319,605	272,705
Machines and machinery ...	130,513	179,186	287,015	601,899	456,127	510,103
Motor bodies, chassis, &c. ..	104,708	190,758	252,265	373,575	257,061	267,898
Petrol, &c.	298,649	331,515	249,858	417,979	331,679	322,887
Kerosene	86,930	50,149	47,304	68,194	56,725	44,168
Other oils in bulk	167,651	137,257	144,554	180,270	141,777	121,260
Paper	196,337	174,531	162,250	195,902	150,431	235,328
Stationery, books, &c.	78,097	87,749	101,366	111,218	84,217	86,542
Tea	75,779	128,292	115,278	111,940	89,992	90,785
Textiles, Piecegoods, &c. ...	543,422	502,474	572,587	610,616	479,050	475,116
Timber	157,381	183,579	215,920	275,731	222,504	141,920

13.—RAILWAYS (SUMMARY).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses. <i>a.</i>	Train Miles Run.	Passengers Carried.	Goods and Livestock.	Passenger Mileage.
	£	£	No.	No.	Tons.	1,000m.
Year 1931-32..	2,757,123	1,921,744	4,914,265	15,608,384	2,430,226	166,409
1932-33..	2,744,741	1,894,477	4,909,588	16,074,121	2,401,070	172,106
1933-34..	2,570,837	1,937,913	4,930,271	16,325,004	2,154,639	175,559
1934-35..	2,669,470	2,023,918	5,080,319	16,660,213	2,346,736	177,655
1935-36..	2,851,484	2,211,598	5,462,146	17,430,674	2,481,568	189,061
January, 1936 .	212,622	164,472	477,308	1,459,412	271,302	16,293
1937 .	232,355	195,746	457,712	1,450,889	200,323	17,699
February, 1936	260,302	190,813	467,080	1,306,774	251,378	12,835
1937	244,131	183,837	438,751	1,319,555	212,909	13,903
July-February, 1935-36	1,815,311	1,464,702	3,560,087	11,175,280	1,571,494	120,361
1936-37	1,892,845	1,528,130	3,244,782	11,525,222	1,433,588	137,704

a Excluding pensions and capital charges.

14.—RAILWAYS (TON-MILEAGES).

Period.	Gross Ton Mileage.					Net Ton Mileage (Revenue).
	Passenger.	Freight.	Mixed.	Departmental.	Total.	
Year—	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.	1,000 T.M.
1931-32	262,756	681,354	25,997	15,482	985,589	287,654
1932-33	276,764	685,430	24,585	22,429	1,009,208	283,604
1933-34	292,016	677,057	21,649	19,034	1,009,756	265,720
1934-35	313,338	713,036	22,416	15,638	1,064,428	281,109
1935-36	355,657	800,899	20,404	17,599	1,194,559	312,839
January, 1936.	34,288	69,310	1,676	1,646	106,920	29,575
1937.	39,396	61,786	2,166	1,049	104,397	23,952
February, 1936	28,039	73,601	1,298	1,521	104,459	29,299
1937	32,139	66,642	2,149	1,172	102,102	26,178
July-February, 1935-36	231,908	511,962	12,848	12,457	769,175	198,448
1936-37	273,527	509,334	14,723	14,764	812,348	189,901

15.—TRAMWAYS (DAILY AVERAGES).

Period.	Gross Revenue.	Passenger Journeys.	Tram Miles.	Elec- tricity.
	£	No.	No.	A.C. Units.
Year ended July, 1932.....	1,802	132,424	20,054	69,928
1933.....	1,762	131,929	20,203	71,926
1934.....	1,720	128,820	20,224	71,751
1935.....	1,752	131,830	20,404	72,298
1936.....	1,841	138,317	21,705	76,201
29th Dec., 1935, to 31st Jan., 1936 ...	1,881	137,210	22,013	73,308
27th Dec., 1936, to 31st Jan., 1937 ...	2,041	144,812	22,186	74,027
1st February to 7th March, 1936.....	1,808	136,101	21,760	76,057
1st February to 6th March, 1937.....	1,911	142,364	22,427	77,325

16.—MOTOR REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	Cars.		Commercial Vehicles.		Cycles.	
	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
New Vehicles—						
January	359	423	122	138	85	77
February	413	432	171	162	97	79
March	380	536	152	164	76	97
March Quarter	1,152	1,391	445	464	258	253
Second-Hand Vehicles—						
January	926	1,022	372	445	482	467
February	961	1,034	393	440	512	472
March	957	1,156	374	342	459	442
March Quarter	2,844	3,212	1,139	1,227	1,453	1,381
Re-Registrations—						
January	262	193	113	97	66	46
February	128	102	46	56	35	37
March	78	77	51	44	17	13
March Quarter	468	372	210	197	118	96
Cancellations—						
January	893	996	270	304	376	366
February	970	1,024	283	323	368	325
March	1,083	1,308	298	328	424	301
March Quarter	2,946	3,328	851	955	1,168	992

17.—MOTORS, TELEPHONES, WIRELESS.

Period.	Motor Vehicles in use (a).				Telephone Connections.		Wireless Licences.	
	Cars.	Com- mercial Vehicles.	Cycles.	Total.	New.	Exist- ing (a).	New.	Exist- ing (a).
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year ended December, 1931	45,140	12,139	10,045	67,324	2,869	49,276	10,186	32,075
1932	46,558	12,638	9,736	68,932	3,100	48,608	15,646	43,268
1933	46,413	14,197	10,455	71,065	3,605	48,528	17,903	55,639
1934	48,939	17,267	10,470	76,676	4,882	49,802	21,911	72,337
1935	49,496	17,157	10,741	77,394	5,048	51,516	17,407	81,629
1936	53,728	19,415	11,110	84,253	5,501	53,875	19,867	93,881
January, 1936	50,150	17,494	10,998	78,642	523	51,750	1,322	82,470
1937	54,370	19,791	11,334	85,495	553	54,099	1,618	94,804
February, 1936	50,682	17,821	11,274	79,777	421	51,919	1,405	83,441
1937	54,914	20,096	11,597	86,607	415	54,284	1,563	95,675
March, 1936	51,014	18,100	11,402	80,516	530	52,148	1,430	84,321
1937	55,375	20,318	11,848	87,541	484	54,467	1,393	96,442

NOTE.—Up to March, 1937, all motor registrations automatically cancelled on 31st March each year, and a number of vehicles were not re-registered immediately. From April, 1937, vehicles can be registered at any time for either six or twelve months.

(a) At end of period stated.

18.—PRICES (MEAN) ADELAIDE WHOLESALE.

Period.	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.	Hay.	Bullocks.	Merino Wethers	Lambs.
	Bush. <i>s. d.</i>	Bush. <i>s. d.</i>	Bush. <i>s. d.</i>	Tons. <i>£ s. d.</i>	Prime. <i>£ s. d.</i>	Prime. <i>s. d.</i>	Prime. <i>s. d.</i>
January, 1936	3 7½	1 9	1 10	1 17 6	10 5 0	20 0	18 6
1937	5 0	4 4½	2 6¾	3 10 0	10 0 0	24 6	21 6
February, 1936	3 5	1 9	1 10	1 17 6	10 12 6	20 9	18 6
1937	4 9¾	4 3½	2 7¼	3 15 0	10 15 9	26 0	21 0
March, 1934	2 2¾	2 2¼	2 0	2 5 0	10 10 0	19 3	16 3
1935	2 10	2 7	2 0½	2 17 6	8 17 6	15 3	15 0
1936	3 6	1 9	1 10	1 17 6	11 1 3	21 9	19 9
1937	5 3	4 3½	2 4½	3 15 0	10 8 3	24 9	20 6

19.—WOOL SALES.

Period.	Greasy and Scoured.		Amount Realised.	Price per Lb. Greasy.	In Store end Period.
	Bales.	Lbs.	£	d.	Bales.
Year, 1931-32	197,954	64,158,321	1,847,946	6-88	14,065
1932-33	262,058	84,832,832	2,604,950	7-32	4,212
1933-34	245,311	76,580,369	4,479,165	13-96	20,045
1934-35	272,724	86,383,700	2,959,314	8-14	4,815
1935-36	263,280	83,102,553	4,151,115	11-92	5,029
January, 1936	34,411	10,564,542	592,459	13-40	37,442
1937	487	144,838	9,864	15-58	68,526
February, 1936	40,389	12,322,505	712,214	13-78	1,143
1937	35,587	10,703,168	701,283	15-61	35,384
March, 1936	112	34,527	1,534	10-67	2,822
1937	36,544	10,928,541	734,698	16-01	14,366
March Quarter, 1936	74,912	22,921,574	1,306,207	13-60	2,822
1937	72,618	21,776,547	1,445,845	15-81	14,366
July - March, 1935-36	241,522	75,928,177	3,850,253	12-11	2,822
1936-37	229,594	71,255,592	4,107,990	13-76	14,366

20.—PRICES—RETAIL ADELAIDE.

Period.	Bread, 2lbs.	Flour, 25lbs.	Tea, lb.	Milk, Quart.	Butter (Fac- tory), lb.	Eggs, Doz.	Potatoes 14lbs.	Beef Ribs, lb.	Mutton Leg, lb.
	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January, 1936	4-95	45-20	27-40	5-60	17-00	8-85	13-00	5-85	6-75
1937	5-40	4-30 ^a	27-80	5-95	17-70	14-00	11-06 ^b	5-80	7-60
February, 1936 ...	4-95	45-10	27-40	5-65	17-50	11-35	14-63	6-05	6-80
1937 ...	5-40	4-25 ^a	27-75	5-95	17-70	17-35	7-57 ^b	5-95	7-60
March, 1934	4-90	44-05	27-50	5-80	15-55	10-65	13-67	5-95	6-50
1935	4-45	44-00	27-40	5-70	17-90	10-90	17-71	5-75	6-85
1936	4-45	37-10	27-40	5-65	17-50	12-25	13-25	6-00	6-90
1937	5-50	4-30 ^a	27-75	5-95	17-70	17-65	5-99 ^b	6-00	7-60

^a For 2lbs.^b For 7lbs.

21.—PRICE INDEX FIGURES (ADELAIDE).

Base. Six capitals 1923-1927 = 1,000.

Item.	January.		February.		March.	
	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
Food and groceries	770	816	781	810	766	808
	Year.				March. Quarter.	
	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1936.	1937.
Food and groceries	731	767	780	798	772	811
Housing (four and five rooms)	694	700	736	795	756	—
Food, groceries, and housing—						
Four and five rooms	716	742	764	796	766	—
All houses (a)	1,235	1,275	1,299	1,341	1,302	1,370
All items (used by Court) (b)	789	806	820	839	823	845

(a) Base ; six capitals, 1911 = 1,000.

(b) " All items " ; food, groceries, housing (four and five rooms), clothing, and miscellaneous expenditure.

22.—BUILDING PERMITS (METROPOLITAN AREA).

Period.	Dwellings.		Other Buildings.		Additions.	Total Value (Ex. Govt.)	Value (Govt.)
	No.	£	No.	£			
Year, 1931.....	45	28,952	48	163,334	107,938	300,224	23,000
1932.....	110	91,508	65	72,294	125,780	289,582	98,909
1933.....	203	166,862	69	195,686	179,273	541,821	144,000
1934.....	385	321,202	102	266,061	221,369	808,632	44,161
1935.....	685	616,133	197	416,834	270,190	1,303,157	91,187
1936.....	917	714,923	194	236,522	279,707	1,231,152	345,689
January, 1936	54	41,826	11	10,088	16,990	68,904	2,092
1937	99	72,186	13	25,853	23,901	121,940	1,270
February, 1936	53	33,912	15	22,111	41,262	97,285	2,276
1937	74	55,600	11	36,698	22,258	114,556	2,388
March, 1936	63	51,959	17	19,278	14,106	85,343	261,809
1937	94	77,947	17	31,410	21,399	130,756	6,765
March Quarter 1936	170	127,697	43	51,477	72,358	251,532	266,177
1937	267	205,733	41	93,961	67,558	367,252	10,423

23.—SALES TAX.

Approximate Amount of Sales by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.

Year.	Taxable Goods.				Taxable and Exempt Goods.			
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Total Year.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1932.....	1,069	876	848	11,159	2,416	2,202	2,084	26,577
1933.....	918	796	911	10,377	2,253	2,137	2,251	26,197
1934.....	951	698	797	10,014	2,179	1,744	2,385	26,243
1935.....	973	769	863	11,124	2,369	2,461	2,186	28,414
1936.....	1,102	902	960	11,909	2,509	2,269	2,294	29,901
1937.....	966	1,148	963	—	2,680	2,731	2,717	—

Numerous commodities were exempted from tax as from 1st September, 1932, 26th October, 1933, 1st August, 1934, 25th October, 1935, and 26th September, 1936. Consequently many traders dealing exclusively in exempt goods ceased to supply returns and the proportion of wholesale trade covered by the records has been progressively reduced. The figures above cannot be compared without allowance for this fact.

24.—COMPANIES, MORTGAGES, &c.

Period.	Companies Registered.		Mortgages Registered—Real Estates.		Land Transferred.
	Companies.	Authorised Capital.	Loans.	Discharges.	
	No.	£	£	£	£
Year 1931.....	122	2,067,785	7,764,757	2,249,076	6,355,100
1932.....	115	2,119,500	4,389,999	2,500,727	4,574,025
1933.....	156	2,200,980	4,013,037	2,778,376	4,849,176
1934.....	139	2,335,485	4,060,222	3,769,315	5,708,100
1935.....	150	3,705,132	5,102,905	3,715,313	7,036,500
1936.....	99	1,488,200	5,993,845	4,076,106	8,368,200
January, 1936	5	33,500	322,425	220,692	446,000
1937	14	135,500	373,657	245,788	481,350
February, 1936	7	45,000	493,433	324,310	641,750
1937	12	173,500	452,246	263,415	509,800
March, 1936	7	117,500	567,004	421,322	969,100
1937	9	85,000	649,180	326,121	1,063,200
March Quarter, 1936	19	196,000	1,382,862	966,324	2,056,850
1937	35	394,000	1,475,083	835,324	2,054,350

25.—BANKRUPTCY (Sequestrations, Deeds, Schemes, &c.).

Period.	Primary Producers.	Total.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Excess Liabilities.
	No.	No.	£	£	£
Year 1931.....	456	996	1,491,178	1,101,919	389,259
1932.....	316	654	1,341,620	961,257	380,363
1933.....	282	570	1,339,435	1,061,860	277,575
1934.....	373	626	1,484,031	1,017,972	466,059
1935.....	357	597	1,376,855	753,528	623,327
1936.....	351	549	1,964,626	1,420,209	544,417
January, 1936	5	16	30,821	6,688	24,133
1937	13	25	241,747	126,164	115,583
February, 1936	59	80	360,436	311,084	49,352
1937	32	47	144,993	133,668	11,325
March, 1936	73	85	465,147	360,201	104,946
1937	64	86	425,590	377,247	48,343
March Quarter, 1936	137	181	856,404	677,973	178,431
1937	109	158	812,330	637,079	175,251

NOTE.—For 1931 and portion of 1932, liabilities and assets of compositions are not included.

26.—BUTTER AND CHEESE PRODUCTION.

Period.	Butter (lbs.).			Cheese (lbs.).		
	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
In Factories.						
January	1,119,043	1,436,611	1,426,654	544,500	580,311	1,092,044
February	767,473	1,042,250	1,195,639	390,613	493,474	903,702
July-February .	10,628,258	13,364,365	11,364,035	5,119,966	6,269,609	6,180,599
Year.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.
In Factories ..	15,329,297	14,157,280	17,017,490	5,315,091	6,648,281	8,103,243
On Farms	4,426,388	4,355,949	3,946,815	1,880	1,380	420
Total	19,755,685	18,513,229	20,964,305	5,316,971	6,649,661	8,103,663

27.—SLAUGHTERINGS AT METROPOLITAN ABATTOIRS (for home consumption).

Period.	Bullocks.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep.	Lambs.	Pigs.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January-March, 1936	8,028	4,951	9,477	72,789	74,069	8,592
1937	7,850	6,167	9,454	66,831	68,914	9,775
January-December, 1935 ...	31,295	19,252	39,447	300,396	283,692	35,394
1936 ...	33,280	21,138	45,710	295,910	287,665	43,216

28.—ELECTRICITY.

Sales by Adelaide Electric Supply Co., Ltd. (In Kelvins).

Year Ended February.				Quarter Ended February.	
1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1936.	1937.
68,796,508	79,665,733	94,707,895	108,376,745	24,165,285	28,031,276

29.—LATEST PRODUCTION STATISTICS AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED.

Item.	Unit.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
Wheat	acres	4,066,782	3,821,795	3,188,225	2,989,490	b3,125,000
	bush.	42,429,614	35,373,466	27,455,600	31,615,744	b28,650,000
	average.	10.43	9.26	8.61	10.58	b9.17
Barley	acres	314,286	307,423	316,807	393,741	b330,000
	bush.	6,070,161	5,254,280	5,682,923	6,493,983	b4,850,000
	average.	19.31	17.09	17.94	16.49	b14.70
Oats.....	acres	174,244	265,074	367,192	299,771	b365,000
	bush.	1,788,712	2,087,772	2,412,117	2,380,908	b2,400,000
	average.	10.27	7.88	6.57	7.94	b6.58
Hay	acres	461,332	507,248	561,071	566,064	b585,000
	tons	565,589	539,846	571,133	586,658	b550,000
	average.	1.23	1.06	1.02	1.04	b0.94
Cattle	No.	312,932	352,728	346,479	335,354	—
Horses	No.	190,222	196,789	198,765	197,368	—
Sheep	No.	7,713,236	7,941,060	7,884,919	7,945,745	b7,900,000
Pigs	No.	113,831	91,573	86,297	93,458	—
Sheep Shorn ..	No.	7,573,237	8,111,296	8,131,202	8,091,682	b8,100,000
Wool Clip	lbs.	65,154,632	67,668,282	68,547,294	70,912,985	b67,000,000
Wool Prodn. (a)	lbs.	75,727,946	79,288,903	77,790,933	81,709,440	b77,000,000
Ewes Mated ..	No.	3,127,432	3,304,532	3,408,561	3,408,758	b3,500,000
Lambs Marked	No.	2,270,081	2,051,130	1,875,296	2,049,514	b2,100,000
Wine—						
Beverage....	galls.	6,200,078	6,384,481	7,123,893	7,745,622	—
Distillation .	galls.	6,060,893	4,647,531	5,791,012	5,277,965	—
Total	galls.	12,260,971	10,032,012	12,914,905	13,023,587	—
Currants	cwts.	127,796	160,356	185,173	117,415	—
Raisins	cwts.	248,677	249,603	244,679	210,166	—
Apples	bush.	881,139	1,002,124	800,768	939,240	—
Oranges.....	bush.	575,046	582,602	638,314	645,291	—
Factories						
Establishments	No.	1,710	1,733	1,803	1,895	—
Hands ...	No.	26,348	29,486	33,497	b 37,500	—
Wages, &c.	£	4,421,233	4,907,335	5,733,865	b6,700,000	—
Output ...	£	20,940,698	22,919,297	25,699,172	b31,700,000	—
Production						
Value...	£	7,854,500	8,641,477	9,557,113	b11,600,000	—
Life Assurance						
New Policies	No.	32,387	35,154	40,282	44,732	—
	£	3,529,777	3,778,179	3,923,587	4,579,921	—

a Including wool on skins.

b Estimated.